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SUBJECT: AL-AHALI HITS USG AND "FAT CATS"

1. MAY 3 EDITION OF LEFTIST WEEKLY AL-AHALI HEADLINED
"AMERICA ABSOLUTELY COMMITTED TO SUPPORT OF
ISRAEL." UNSIGNED ARTICLE DWELT AT LENGTH ON PRESIDENT
CARTER'S LONDON TIMES INTERVIEW AND SUPPOSED UNPRECE-
DENTED NATURE WHITE HOUSE RECEPTION ACCORDED BEGIN.
FRONT PAGE CARTOON DEPICTED PRESIDENT CARTER ROASTING
MEAT (IN SHAPE AFRICA AND MIDDLE EAST) TO DAYAN'S ORDER,
WITH INSTRUCTIONS "CUT 10 KILOS FROM LEBANON."

2. SECOND LEAD DEVOTED TO OSMAN AHMED OSMAN, AHMED
MAHMOUD (ISMAIL FAHMY'S FATHER-IN-LAW) AND ABUL NASR
(COUSIN OF FORMER PM SIDQI AND PROMINENT "FIXER").
THESE, AND OTHER LEADING FAMILIES, SAID TO BE FORMING
"SCORES OF COMPANIES" TO ENRICH THEMSELVES VIA ECONOMIC
OPEN DOOR. NO ILLEGALITIES ALLEGED, BUT PAPER IMPLIES
ACTIVITIES SUSPECT. PAPER DID CHARGE CHAIRMAN PEOPLES
ASSEMBLY ECONOMIC COMMITTEE MAHMOUD DAKRORI WITH PRE-
SUMED VIOLATION LAW PROHIBITING ASSEMBLY MEMBERS FROM
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COMPANY. HE IS DIRECTOR EGYPTIAN-AMERICAN BANK. PAPER

ASKED "DOES HEAD OF AMERICAN BANK PLAN EGYPT'S ECONOMY?"

3. ELSEWHERE, AL-AHALI REPORTED PROMINENTLY ON 9TH WORLD
TRADE UNION CONFERENCE CONDEMNATION ISRAELI AGGRESSION
AND INCREASED U.S. AID TO ISRAEL. AL-AHALI NOTED CON-

REFERENCE DENOUNCED "BRUTAL MEASURES TAKEN AGAINST FREEDOM AND TRADE UNION RIGHTS" IN SUDAN, JORDAN, BAHRAIN, TUNISIA, NORTH YEMEN AND EGYPT. FINALLY, REFERRING TO AFGHAN COUP, AL-AHALI HEADLINED "DEMOCRACY, JUSTICE AND ISLAM BASIS OF NEW REGIME."

4. COMMENT: PAPER APPEARED ONE DAY AFTER SADAT'S DENUNCIATION OF IRRESPONSIBLE OPPOSITION PRESS AND, MOST PARTICULARLY, AL-AHALI. EDITION, AS WELL AS CONVERSATIONS WITH LEFTISTS, INDICATE AL-AHALI NOT YET COWED. EILTS

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